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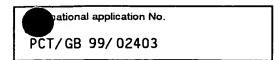
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3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).
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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
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2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

- 1. Claims: 1-4
 - 1.1 Claims: 1,2
 A pneumatic control system as in claim 1 to instruct the pump to operate a predetermined inflation.
 - 1.2 Claims: 1,3
 A pneumatic control system as in claim 1, with the communication means within the connection means.
 - 1.3 Claims: 1,4
 A pneumatic control system as in claim 1, wherein the communication means do not contact each other.
- 2. Claims: 5-7

A pneumatic control system as in claim 1, wherein the article is a support for a patient to lie on.

3. Claims: 8-10

A pneumatic control system as in claim 1, wherein the article is an inflatable garment.



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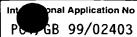
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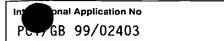
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